Urbanization

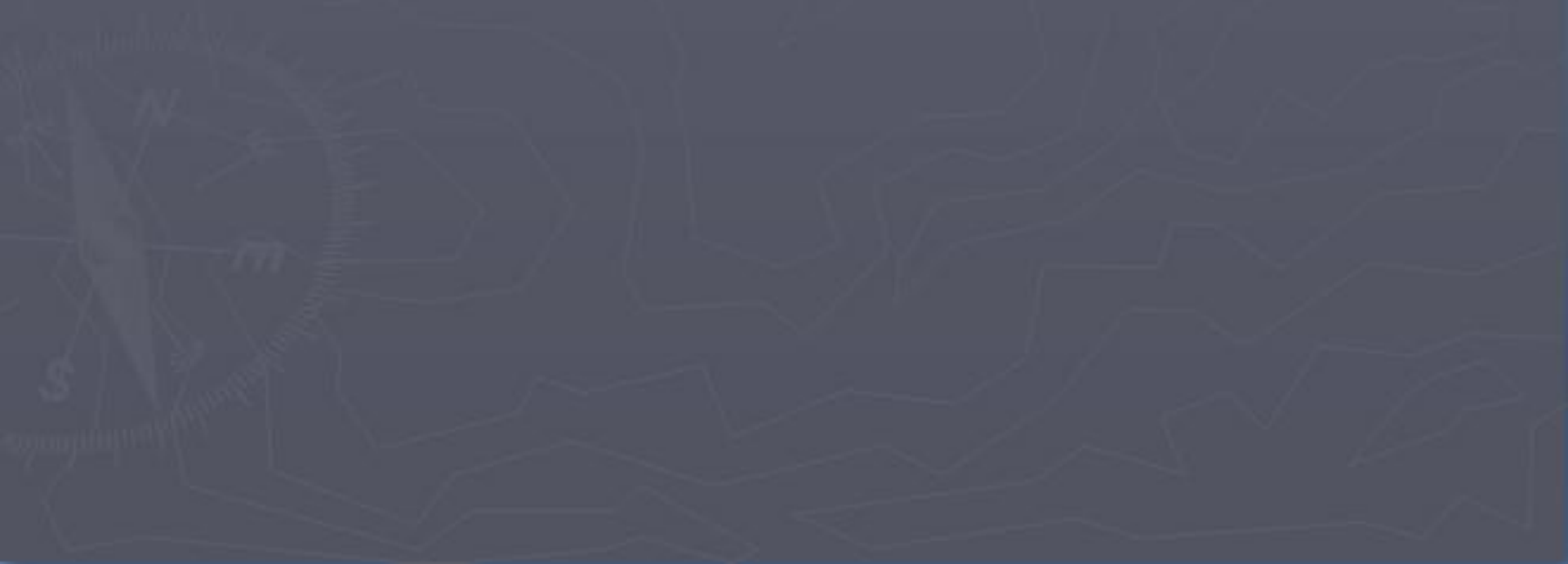## Its Benefits and Hindrances

What is Urbanization?

- Urbanization is referred to as the migration of people in large numbers from rural to urban areas.

- Urbanization occurs mainly because of the concentration of resources and facilities in towns and cities.

What is Urbanization?

- The world's cities are growing because people are moving from rural areas in search of jobs, opportunities to improve their lives and create a better future for their children.

Attractions to Urban Areas

Urban Pull Factors

- **The availability of jobs**

- Proper infrastructure – roads, water, electricity etc.

- Availability of social services – health, education, recreation, postal services and police stations.

- A wide variety of entertainment and night life facilities

Rural Push Factors

- Scarcity of jobs except in agriculture, and most people consider agricultural occupations to be low-paying, laborious, risky and menial.

- Lack of infrastructure such as poor roads, irregular water and electricity supplies.

- Poor facilities in education, health and security

- Lack of entertainment and recreational facilities.

Problems of Urbanization

- Pressure on resources and social services
  - eg. water, transport, health and education.

Problems of Urbanization

- More Unemployment

Problems of Urbanization

- Increased crime rate, especially since the typical migrant may be young, unskilled or inexperienced.

Problems of Urbanization

- Development of slums (ghettos) due to inadequate housing. This will add to the problem of pollution.

Problems of Urbanization

- Traffic congestion

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- Noise Pollution

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- High Levels of Stress

Problems of Urbanization

- Air Pollution

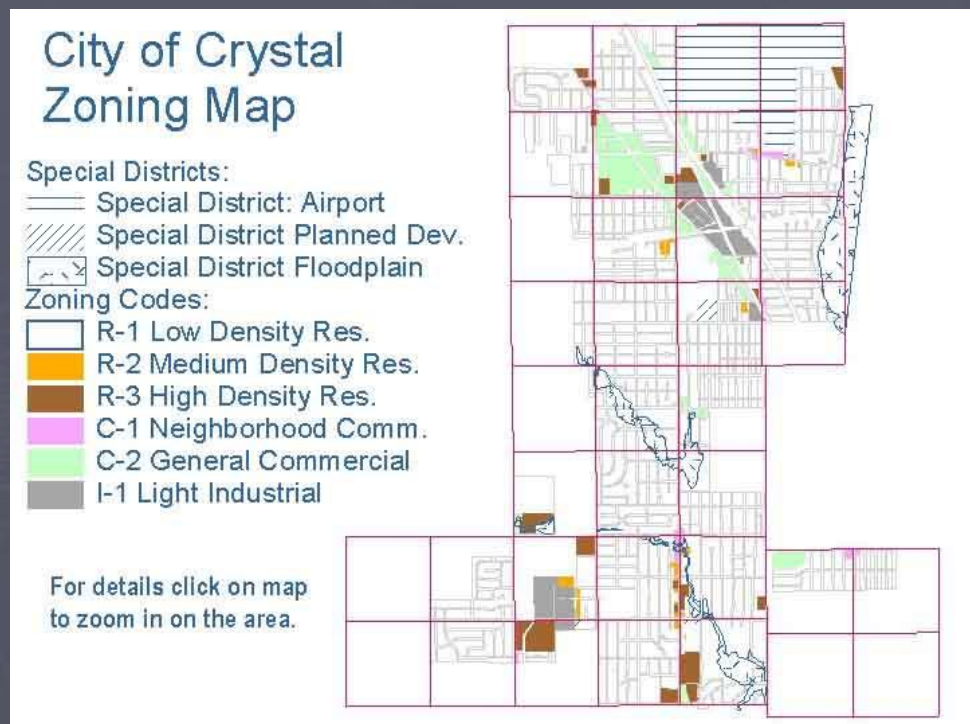# Solving the Problems of Urbanization

Solving Urbanization

- Limit the size of cities by setting boundaries and controlling population size.

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- Put a stop to using agricultural lands for non-agricultural purposes such as housing.
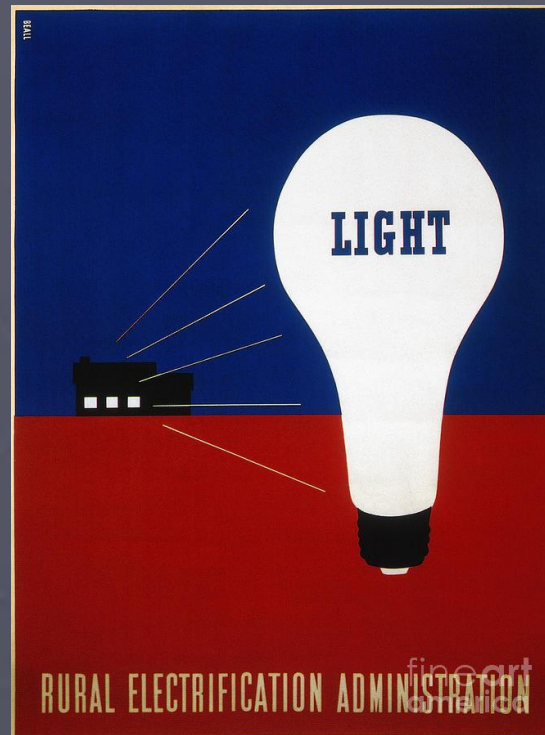
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- Develop the rural areas by providing recreation, education, health care and other social services.

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- Develop basic infrastructure in the rural areas
  - eg. roads, water and electricity.

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- **Create jobs in rural areas by building more factories to employ more people.**